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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA

SUBJECT: ASTP MISSION

REFS: A. MOSCOW 8337 B. MOSCOW 7936

1. KORNIYENKO CALLED ME IN THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE OFFICIAL RESPONSE RE OUR SUGGESTION THAT FRANCE, INDIA AND CHINA BE REQUESTED REFRAIN FROM NUCLEAR TESTING DURING ASTP FLIGHT. KORNIYENKO SAID THAT, AS HE HAD INDICATED TO ME PREVIOUSLY (REF B), SOVIETS HAD REAL DOUBTS REGARDING THIS. INDIA WAS ALREADY PARTY TO A TREATY WHEREBY IT PLEDGED NOT TO ENGAGE IN ABOVE GROUND NUCLEAR TESTING. TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST OF THE INDIANS COULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN ALMOST AS AN INSULT. FRANCE HAD ALSO ASSERTED IT WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ATMOSPHERIC TESTING AND THE SAME WOULD APPLY TO IT.

2. I REPLIED THAT THIS ISSUE HAD PERHAPS BEEN EXAGGERATED. WE REGARDED SUCH NOTIFICATIONS AS NORMAL. WE HAVE DONE SO ON PAST SPACE MISSIONS AND WE THEREFORE FELT WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO SO ON THIS ONE AS WELL, AS WE HAD ADVISED FEDOSEEV (REF B).

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3. KORNIYENKO SAID HE SAW NO REASON FOR MAKING SUCH
NOTIFICATION AND THAT HE WANTED TO INFORM US OFFICIALLY
THAT THE USSR DID NOT INTEND TO DO SO AND, FURTHERMORE, DID
NOT SEE ANY BASIS FOR DOING SO.
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